

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Hiroyuki Tsunoda *et al.* Art Unit : 1644
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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction mailed June 27, 2008, Applicant elects, with traverse, Group IV, claim 32, drawn to an antibody that “recognizes the region of amino acids 26-274 of human MPL.” Applicant further elects, with traverse, the species that is an antibody in which: (i) CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 of a heavy chain variable region are identified by SEQ ID NOS: 36, 37 and 38, respectively, (ii) CDR1, CDR2 and CDR3 of a light chain variable region are identified by SEQ ID NOS: 93, 94 and 95, respectively, (iii) FR1, FR2, FR3 and FR4 of a heavy chain variable region are identified by SEQ ID NOS: 230, 232, 234 and 236, respectively, and (iv) FR1, FR2, FR3 and FR4 of a light chain variable region are identified by SEQ ID NOS: 239, 241, 243 and 245, respectively. Claims 16-29, 32 and 38-43 read on the elected species.

In addition, preliminary to the examination of the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 11 of this paper.